



## Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

COMMISSIONER

H. L. Whitman, Jr.

Melissa Bright  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Mailing Date: 10/31/2019

Re: Case# [REDACTED] Notice of Findings of CPS Investigation

Dear Melissa Bright :

The Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) has completed its investigation of alleged abuse or neglect reported on 07/18/2018 involving one or more children in your family and made the following findings:

<i>Alleged Perpetrator</i>	<i>Alleged Type of Abuse or Neglect</i>	<i>Alleged Victim</i>	<i>Finding</i>
Bright, Melissa	Physical Abuse	Bright, Mason D	Ruled Out

This investigation is now closed and there will be no further agency involvement with your family unless we receive another report of abuse or neglect, which, by law, we would need to investigate.

**How Findings are Determined.**

- A finding of "Ruled Out" means that, based on the available information, it was reasonable to conclude that the alleged abuse or neglect did not occur.

**How Certain Types of Abuse or Neglect are Defined.**

**Physical Abuse** includes the following acts or omissions by a person:

- physical injury that results in substantial harm to the child, or the genuine threat of substantial harm from physical injury to the child, including an injury that is at variance with the history or explanation given and excluding an accident or reasonable discipline by a parent, guardian, or managing or possessory conservator that does not expose the child to a substantial risk of harm; or
- failure to make a reasonable effort to prevent an action by another person that results in physical injury that results in substantial harm to the child; or
- the current use by a person of a controlled substance as defined by Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code, in a manner or to the extent that the use results in physical injury to a child; or
- causing, expressly permitting, or encouraging a child to use a controlled substance as defined by Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code.

**Right to Request Records.** You have the right to request a copy of the investigation records. The records will be redacted to remove the identity of the person who reported the alleged abuse or neglect and any other information which you are not entitled by law to receive. Release of records may be delayed or denied if the release would interfere with an ongoing criminal investigation or for other valid legal reason. You may be

charged a fee for copies of these records. You may contact me to obtain a copy of the form needed to request these records or you may obtain a copy of this form at:  
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**Right to Request Role Removal.** Since all the allegations against either you or any child in your family have been "ruled out", you have the right to request that we remove information regarding usted in the role of alleged perpetrator(s) in this investigation. If you decide to request removal of role information, you must complete and submit the enclosed form(s) within 45 calendar days of the "mailing date" listed at the top of this letter.

**Early Childhood Intervention Program.** If a child named in this letter is under the age of three, DFPS is required to make a referral to the Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) program administered by the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS). If a referral was made, the person who cares for this child should be receiving materials from the ECI program about how children grow and learn. These materials should arrive by mail within the next three weeks.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the investigation or any of the information discussed in this letter, you may contact me at the address or phone number provided below.

Department of Family and Protective Services  
9702 BISSONNET ST  
PO BOX 16017  
HOUSTON, TX 77036-8000  
(832) 361-4735

## Request For Removal Of Role Information

Role Removal Unit, Y-960  
Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)  
PO BOX 149030  
AUSTIN TX 78714-9030

Or E-mail form to [roleremovalunit@dfps.state.tx.us](mailto:roleremovalunit@dfps.state.tx.us)

For Role Removal status inquiries please call 512-929-6470. Please allow sufficient time for mail delivery before seeking status. Forms may also be scanned and e-mailed.

An individual alleged to have committed abuse or neglect of a child is entitled to request removal of information from DFPS records concerning that person's role as an alleged perpetrator in an investigation conducted by CPS if all of the allegations against that individual in that investigation are ruled out. To request removal of role information relating to the following investigation, you must complete and sign this form and return it to DFPS at the above address within forty-five (45) days after the date on the accompanying letter. If your minor child was the alleged perpetrator in this investigation, you may make this request on your child's behalf.

### In Regard to the Investigation That is Subject to Role Removal

Date of Report	Case Name	Case Number
07/18/2018	Bright, Melissa	

Specific Allegations that were investigated and "ruled out":			
Alleged Perpetrator Name	Type of Abuse or Neglect	Alleged Victim Name	Disposition
Bright, Melissa	Physical Abuse	Bright, Mason D	Ruled Out

### To be completed by the person requesting removal of role information:

Name	Area Code and Telephone Number
Mailing Address (Street or P.O. Box, City, State, Zip)	
E-mail address for electronic notice of completion	
Name of child if parent or guardian is making this request on behalf of a minor child	

### Important Information About Your Rights

Upon receipt of a properly submitted request for removal of role information, DFPS will initiate procedures to remove information from department records about the alleged perpetrator's role in the abuse or neglect report identified. Once this role information is removed from our records, IT WILL BE DESTROYED AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO YOU. If, for any reason, you wish to prove that someone falsely reported you for abuse or neglects, our records would no longer reflect the fact that this report against you was made and ruled out.

**NOTE: THE FACT THAT YOUR ROLE AS AN ALLEGED PERPETRATOR IN THIS PARTICULAR INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN RULED OUT OR THAT YOU REQUEST REMOVAL OF THIS ROLE INFORMATION DOES NOT PRECLUDE FURTHER INVOLVEMENT WITH YOUR FAMILY BY DFPS, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF SERVICES, COURT INVOLVEMENT, OR EVEN TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS.**

Because this decision may have important consequences, you may wish to consult a private attorney for legal

advice as to whether you should request the above role information to be removed from DFPS records.

I have read the foregoing information about my rights and have made the decision to request that information about my role as an alleged perpetrator in this investigation be removed from DFPS records.

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Signature of person requesting removal of role information

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Date Signed



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Michael Dillon Bright

Mailing Date: 10/31/2019

Re: Case# [REDACTED]; Notice of Findings of CPS Investigation

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